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supply electricity to Coonoor has purchased the high tension lines already existing. I am not aware of any other private agency which has constructed high tension lines."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"When that is the position, Sir, why should this company want the cost of high tension lines being met by Government?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Twelve and a half per cent."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that representations have been made to the Government, that, where the distribution of electric energy is not already in the hands of private agencies, it should be done by the Government or local bodies?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"The Government have not come to a conclusion on the representations. The matter is under the consideration of the Government and wherever possible the Government have been distributing electric energy themselves. But this is an area covered by a licence granted to a private company."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Is not $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent a sufficient attraction to Government? May I know why it has not been accepted?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"Unless the return is guaranteed it will not be accepted."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"Am I to understand, Sir, that the scheme for electrification of Tiruchengodu would not be taken up if the Government do not come forward to put up the high tension lines?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"That does not follow, Sir."

Electrification of Kodumudi, Coimbatore district.

* 396 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of Kodumudi in Coimbatore district is;

(*b*) when it is likely to be completed and the town to get the benefit of electric energy; and

(*c*) what the reasons are for the delay?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Chief Engineer for Electricity reports that the investigation and studies so far made indicate that the extension of supply to Kodumudi will not be remunerative and that it is proposed to carry out another survey within the next six months if possible and re-examine the question.